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In Re the Application of

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For: **POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING
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POLYPEPTIDE, POLYPEPTIDES
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Sir:

This paper is filed concurrently with a request for continued examination (RCE) and is also in response to the Final Office Action mailed on June 18, 2002, for which a response was initially filed on October 18, 2002. An Advisory Action was mailed on November, 2002 Enclosed is a request for a two-month extension of time making this response due December 18, 2002, and, therefore, this response is timely filed.